

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25 with the following paragraph:

The base valve apparatus 50 is structured such that a reservoir 51 is integrally formed with the damper cylinder 11, and the interior of the reservoir 51 sealed by a cap ~~51~~52 is sectioned into an oil chamber 54 and a gas chamber 55 by a partition wall member 53 of a diaphragm type. A free piston type may be employed.